

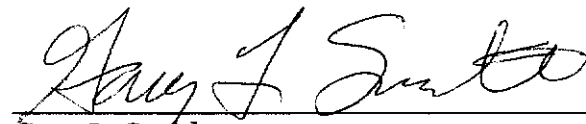
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I, Gary L. Smith, depose and state that if called to testify as a witness I can state the following facts of which I have personal knowledge:

1. On February 11, 2002, I contacted the Illinois Supreme Court Clerk's office and inquired whether or not Michele K. Thomas was a name on the list of attorneys authorized to practice law in the State of Illinois.

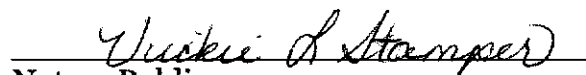
2. I was informed by the representative of the clerk's office that Michele K. Thomas is not a name on the list of attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois.

Further affiant sayeth not.



Gary L. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 17th day of Feb, 2004.



Notary Public

